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1. The effects of DCID 3/4, issued 14 August 1952, are beginning to be felt in the IAC Community generally and in OSI specifically.

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2. From the standpoint of the IAC Community, the SEC appears to be functioning satisfactorily. It has made progress in supporting national intelligence production and in coordinating the production responsibility of Chapter 7 of the NIS. Reactions have been informally solicited from Colonel Whipple of O-2 and [] of OSI. (They were active in the deliberations of the ad hoc committee, and continue to exercise influence over the subject matter in their respective departments.) Both appear to be satisfied with the progress that the SEC is making, although Colonel Whipple is dissatisfied with the insistence of the medical personnel on the necessity of a formal Working Level Conference as the only means of coordinating medical subjects and activities. The CIA member of the SEC is preparing a report of the progress and problems of the Committee and will forward the same, with appropriate recommendations, to the DD/I by 1 January 1953.

3. From the standpoint of OSI, the revised "Mission and Functions" of the Office have been issued as CIA Notice #123-52, dated 30 September 1952; this has served to emphasize the particular problems of internal reorientation necessary as a result of DCID 3/4. A start has been made in the preparation of a research and production program to fix emphasis on research in basic science.

4. The report of the ad hoc committee on scientific and technical intelligence, accompanying DCID 3/4, recommended that this field be re-examined six months later; the time for such a re-examination would therefore be mid February 1953. The SEC, and OSI, are well aware of this fact.

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